

CHAPTER 2026-111

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 913

An act relating to inmate services; amending s. 945.215, F.S.; requiring maintenance and repair deduction fees from contractor-operated correctional facilities to be deposited in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund; requiring funds from the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund to be used for specified purposes; reenacting s. 944.72(1), F.S., relating to the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 945.215, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 945.215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

945.215 Inmate welfare and employee benefit trust funds.—

(3) CONTRACTOR-OPERATED INSTITUTIONS INMATE WELFARE TRUST FUND; CONTRACTOR-OPERATED CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.—

(b)1. The net proceeds derived from inmate canteens, vending machines used primarily by inmates, telephone commissions, and similar sources at contractor-operated correctional facilities shall be deposited in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.

2. Maintenance and repair deduction fees from contractor-operated correctional facilities shall be deposited in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.

3. Funds in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund shall be used exclusively to provide for or operate any of the following at contractor-operated correctional facilities:

a. Programs to aid inmates' reintegration into society.

b. Environmental health upgrades to facilities, including fixed capital outlay for repairs and maintenance that would improve environmental conditions of the correctional facilities.

4.2. Funds in the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund shall be expended only pursuant to legislative appropriation.

Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 945.215, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 944.72, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

944.72 Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.

(1) There is hereby created in the Department of Corrections the Contractor-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund. The purpose of the trust fund shall be the benefit and welfare of inmates incarcerated in contractor-operated correctional facilities under contract with the department pursuant to this chapter or chapter 957. Moneys shall be deposited in the trust fund and expenditures made from the trust fund as provided in s. 945.215.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor May 22, 2026.

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